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Zionism's difficult question

The time to see how a real Israeli-Zionist acts is when the pressure is on, and it was on for a few days this week following the statement by President Sadat of Egypt to a group of American congressmen. He told them that Egypt was ready for peace with Israel and for negotiations without preconditions, on the assumption that Israel would pull back from the Arab territories occupied since 1967 and deal honestly with the Palestinian question. The reaction from the Israelis is telling.

Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres ridiculed the statement and said President Sadat is playing games. Premier Rabin, however, played both sides of the fence by also telling a group of French Jews that Israel is "more than ready" for peace with Egypt and all the Arabs. But former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said the Sadat peace overtures should be taken seriously. So we have the peculiar situation where President Sadat offers to make peace with Israel and leading Israeli figures come out with a mass of contradictory and confusing statements.

It is little wonder that the Arabs are a bit perplexed about how exactly to proceed down the path of peace and friendship. Israel keeps saying it wants peace talks with the Arabs. When a leading Arab figure such as President Sadat offers peace talks, the Israelis say he is not serious. What is one to do?

The problem is not so much that the Arabs and the Israelis cannot meet each other half way on the road to peace. It is rather that the Israelis are unable to start walking on that road, because the fulfilment of their Zionist goals only appears viable through a process of continued confrontation and war. The contradictory statements from Israel are due to the simple fact that there is no consensus within Israel itself about what it is that Israel is, wants or will settle for. How can the Israelis talk to President Sadat if they cannot talk to each other and agree on what they seek as a nation of people?

This contradictory streak within Zionism comes out most clearly when the pressure is on. When President Sadat mentioned peace talks, Israel was in the spotlight. It had to reply. What did it do? It came out with some blabbering here and some blabbering there. If you wish to believe that Israel wants peace, you can draw that conclusion. If you wish to see Israel as an intransigent party, you can see it in this light. Take your pick. Israel is whatever you wish to believe it is.

But that's the basic difficulty in moving along the road to peace. It's fine for the Israelis to complain or boast or plead for aid during times of neither war nor peace. But if either war or peace come to the forefront, as peace prospects did this week, the Israeli talk is scrutinised more closely, and it invariably comes up sorely lacking both credibility and consistency.

The Israelis spend much of their time telling anyone who will listen that all Israel seeks is to live in peace and quiet with its neighbours. But what happens when one of these neighbours -- Egypt in this case -- meets the Israeli bluff with a call for peace talks? The Israeli propaganda line is suddenly short-circuited.

The difficulty here lies within Israel itself, within the fundamental concept of the political movement known as Zionism. The longer it lives on, the clearer Zionism shows itself to be an ideology incompatible with peace. Its purpose is a Jewish state, we are told, but how big, how wide and at the expense of how many dead and deported Arabs? This is the question that the Zionists are unable to answer, and it shows in the confusion they exhibit when President Sadat asks them the same question in different words.

Dr. Abu Qura returns from Geneva meeting

AMMAN (JNA). — The President of the National Red Crescent Society, Dr. Ahmad Abu Qura, returned here from Geneva Tuesday where he represented Jordan at the meeting of the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Upon arrival here Dr. Abu Qura said that the ten-day meeting discussed the amendment of the league's statutes.

The Arab bloc had held a number of sessions prior to the main meeting in order to adopt a unified stand there, Dr. Abu Qura said.

One of the decisions taken at the league's meeting was the rejection of a proposal calling for the use of emblems other than those presently used by the league's societies -- the cross, the crescent, the lion and the sun. Mr. Abu Qura added that the meeting recommended closer cooperation between the league and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

AUC president due on visit

AMMAN (JNA). — The president of the American University of Cairo will arrive here Tuesday on a four-day visit to the University of Yarmuk.

During his stay here he will meet with the university's teaching staff who will brief him on the institution's aims and teaching methods.

Exchange Rates

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Electricity authority to implement project for rural regions

AMMAN (JNA). — The Director General of the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA), Mr. Ali Nsour, said Wednesday that the authority is to implement early next year one of its biggest projects which is designed to bring electricity to the Jordanian countryside, following the completion of negotiations with the U.S. and Soviet companies which have expressed the desire to undertake the project.

The project will bring electricity to half a million citizens living in 248 villages; at a cost of JD 15 million, Mr. Nsour said.

American and Soviet delegations had recently been in Jordan in order to study the project with the JEA.

NATIONAL NOTES

● AMMAN. — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday sent a cable of good wishes to Syria President Hafez Assad on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of President Assad's "corrective movement", and a second telegram to King Hassan II of Morocco on the

occasion of the anniversary of his country's independence.

● AMMAN. — The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hassan Ibrahim, received the Romanian and Spanish ambassadors to Jordan Thursday, and the Swiss ambassador to Jordan Wednesday.

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Seven die in Amman's bloody five-hour drama



One of the dead gunmen is carried away from the hotel.

A pool of blood was seen where a fatal explosion occurred during the initial riot at the hotel Wednesday.

Cabinet decides on appointments

AMMAN (JNA). — The Cabinet, in its session held Wednesday evening and presided over by the Prime Minister, Mr. Mudar Badran, decided to appoint Mr. Saleh Al Shara' to the post of ambassador in the Foreign Ministry effective Nov. 20.

The Cabinet also decided to transfer Mr. Mohammad Al Katib from his post as Director of the Hashemite Broadcasting Service to the position of governor in the Interior Ministry, as of Nov. 20.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Al Ra'i and Al Dustour dailies the convulsive state of intellectual and political thinking in the Arab cause as a whole.

Al Ra'i goes on to say that President Assad's "corrective movement" has restored to Syria real weight and stature in the Arab world, and to the Syrian individual his historic vitality and ability. It also brought about to Syria "an attentive openness" which largely contributed to Arab solidarity, to the Damascus initiative which preserved Lebanon's unity and halted its bloodshed, and the opening of the door for Damascus and Amman to "allow us to come to their natural position."

The paper says the "corrective movement" has washed away some Syrian and Arab "manifestations" in what was like a national uprising rather than a corrective measure.

Among these manifestations, which President Assad has done away with according to Al Ra'i, were: "The shameful intermixture of leadership, the concept of launching slogans without the ability to carry them through and

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2. Proposed bid will be issued in phases during the period 1976 to 1979. The exact bid opening and closing dates will be announced in advance to each of the vendors who are duly pre-registered for a package to be bid.

3. The value of furniture, equipment and materials for procurement is estimated at about U.S. \$4.1 million.

4. Firms will be required to post bid bonds when submitting tenders and performance bonds upon successful tendering.

5. Furniture and equipment manufacturers and suppliers from member countries of the International Development Association (IDA) and Switzerland who wish to participate in bidding are invited to apply immediately for registration on the mailing list for bid-documents, by writing to:

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6. A registration form No. R001 will be sent to prospective bidders upon receipt of such written request.

7. The Government of Jordan reserves the right to reject or accept any or all of the applications received and its decisions in this regard are to be considered as final. The suppliers and manufacturers accepted for bidding on specified categories of equipment (or furniture) will be so notified and their names and addresses will be placed on file as being pre-registered.

8. The closing date for return of the official registration Forms (R001 and R002) referred to above will be 90 days from the date of this notice.

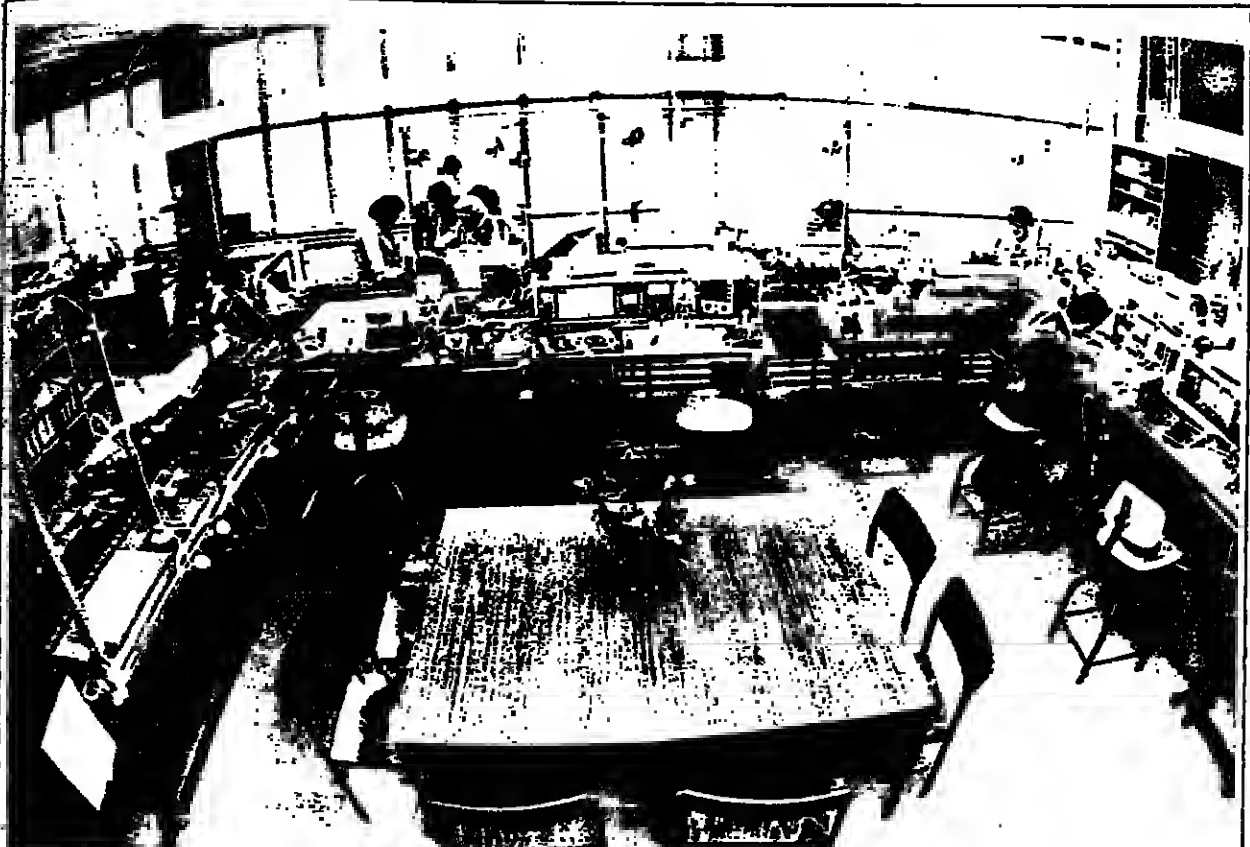
International Hairdressing Fair - Held in Paris -



The renowned hair stylist Mr. Anis Al Naber, owner of Salon Anis has returned from Paris where he attended the international hairdressing fair. During his stay there, he familiarised himself with the newest hair styles for 1977. He also visited a number of beauty salons, with Salon Alexandre in the forefront.

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West Germany sounds out prospects for humanisation of industrial work



Research into means of reducing assembly-line monotony is taking place in the West German industrial city of Stuttgart. The Robert Bosch company has received 1.7 million deutschmarks in government grants towards the cost of experimental alternatives to the assembly line. Here in the car radio department 55 female workers used to work at the assembly line, monotonously repeating single movements as they pieced together cassette radios. Now workers with a variety of skills work in gangs of ten. This not only makes work more interesting, it also enables staff to learn additional skills and maybe gain promotion and earn more money. Benches are arranged in a horseshoe shape, enabling a table and chairs to be incorporated for use during breaks.

WOLFSBURG, West Germany (CSM). — More and more often, West German labour leaders and politicians are talking about "humanisation of work."

The goal is to make work more pleasant, healthy, and satisfying. This is to be accomplished through changes in the organisation of work (such as different assembly processes), new hierarchical structures, better relations among workers, an improved working environment, participation in decision making at all levels, and more opportunities for self-development and advancement.

Germany was a pioneer in social legislation. During the rule of Otto von Bismarck, in 1883, health insurance was introduced for workers. Accident insurance began a year later and in 1887, pensions for retirees and invalids.

Now the Social Democrat-Free Democrat government is taking social legislation a step further towards "humanising" work. For instance, the government several months ago gave Volkswagenwerk AG here, the federal University of Zurich, and the Technical University of Darmstadt some 75 per cent of the \$ 8.3 million cost of research into the structure of work at VW's motor assembly plant in Salzgitter.

The basic aim of the study is to find the advantages and disadvantages, human and economic, of three types of engine production:

1. A conventional assembly line where the engine moves along a conveyor belt at a continuous, regular speed, and involves hard physical labour by the workers.

2. An assembly line where many routine operations have been automated.

3. A group assembly operation where seven to nine men assemble a complete engine from start to finish.

One job of the university researchers is to measure the physical demands on the workers in the three systems. As they work, for example, their oxygen consumption and pulse rate are measured.

Also, the scientists will be examining the psycho-social impact of the various assembly methods within the factory among employees and without among families and neighbours. They will be looking into performance, interest in work, degree of monotony, development of initiative, sense of responsibility, amount of stress, attitude to supervisors, etc.

The psychologists hope and expect that group assembly will lead to a more positive attitude to work among the employees, that they will be less bored and more satisfied.

In the group system, the workers assemble an entire engine in about 130 minutes. The members of the group can divide up the work.

On the old-fashioned assembly line, each worker completes his tiny portion of the assembly in one to three minutes. His or her rate of work is governed by the speed of the belt. The job is highly repetitive.

One economic handicap for the group assembly system, notes VW's Georg Kugler, in charge of corporate "social affairs," is that it costs some 65 per cent more in capital costs per work place than a regular assembly line. So the group assembly line must compensate for this extra cost by other advantages. It is hoped, for example, that the group workers will be sick less often.

Mr. Kugler says that not all employees want the challenge of the group assembly system, preferring the routine of the conveyor belt. Natural leaders must be found for the groups. There is also a question of what pay scale the group workers will receive.

The experiment has the backing of the Metal Industry Trade Union (IG Metall) and of the plant works council.

Final results of the study will not be available for three years. But it is expected the conclusions can be applied throughout the auto industry and in other industries.

Some inspiration for the project has come from similar efforts in the Volvo plant in Sweden. Volkswagen officials maintain that conditions at Volkswagen with a much larger production volume are different.

Pentagon slowness to approve arms sale forces Peru to buy Soviet

WASHINGTON D.C. (CSM). — Peru's decision to acquire 36 sophisticated Soviet jet fighters-bombers is viewed with alarm in Latin-American circles.

Washington also has some doubts about the deal, which would be the first sale of Soviet combat aircraft in Latin America, other than to Cuba. (Peru has had some Soviet helicopters as well as Soviet tanks in its arsenal for five or six years.)

Moreover, there is concern in Washington over a report that Cuban military personnel soon may be dispatched to Peru to help train Peruvians in the use of these aircraft.

Although the details are elusive and the Peruvian government in Lima is saying little about the deal, the purchase raises the prospect of a growing arms race along South America's west coast.

It also complicates political relations between Peru and its neighbours, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Ecuador.

Peru has long had border problems with Chile; it still harbours a grudge against its southern neighbour for the defeat it suffered in the War of the Pacific in the 1870s.

To the east, Brazil, which has increasingly taken a lead in Latin-American political and economic developments, has doubts about the Peruvian decision to acquire the adjustable-wing Sukhoi 22.

According to aviation circles in Washington and London, Peru decided to buy the Soviet planes after the United States delayed a decision on a Peruvian request to acquire Northrop F-5 jets.

Chile purchased 18 of these jets from the U.S. in 1975. Peru immediately began negotiations to acquire the planes, but the Pentagon delayed approval, and the Peruvian government decided to accept the Soviet planes on what Peruvian sources say were favourable long-term payment conditions. The cost is estimated at \$ 250 million.

The Sukhoi 22 is a swing-wing craft that can fly almost twice the speed of sound.

Concern about Chile's military potential and its intentions has long been a key factor in Peruvian foreign relations. The Peruvians worry that Chile's military muscle is greater than theirs. Not only has the Chilean purchase of U.S. fighters caused alarm in Lima, but also Ecuador's recent purchase of 12 British Jaguar fighters suggested to some Peruvians that Chile and Ecuador were trying to hem in Peru.

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07:45 Wars that changed the World	
08:00 News	
08:15 International Soccer Special	
08:30 Farming World	
09:00 News; UK Press Review	
09:15 The World Today	
09:30 Financial News	
09:45 Music Now	
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11:00 News	
11:15 The Biology of a Lifetime	
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Report says there was no collusion between Uganda and hijackers at Entebbe airport

NAIROBI, Nov. 17 (R). — A Ugandan commission of inquiry has said there was no collusion between Ugandan authorities and the pro-Palestinian group which hijacked an Air France Airbus to Entebbe last June, Uganda Radio reported.

Seven pro-Palestinian guerrillas and 20 Ugandan soldiers were killed during the Israeli sloop which rescued the more than 100 passengers, mostly Jewish, aboard the Airbus.

The hijack inquiry, ordered by President Amin and carried out by military officers, said Ugandan troops on duty at Entebbe airport when the Israeli commandos arrived believed that their planes were bringing the Palestinian prisoners whose release had been demanded by the hijackers.

When the firing started, the Ugandan troops believed the hijackers were shooting hostages, but when going to investigate the Ugandans themselves were fired on, the radio said.

On leaving Entebbe, the Israeli aircraft could have been shot down. But the Ugandans did not do this, as it would have sacrificed the lives of the hostages — which Uganda had all along been trying to save, it added.

President Amin was quoted by the radio as saying after receiving the report that the Palestinians had agreed to accept his advice not to carry out any more plane hijackings in Africa.

Carter said to eye early SALT-II pact

TOKYO, Nov. 17 (AFP). — U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter will work hard for an early conclusion of the second round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) with the Soviet Union.

This was stated by a potential candidate for a cabinet post in the Carter administration, to the Japanese press in Washington Tuesday.

The source added that Mr. Carter will pursue American diplomacy toward the Soviet Union in a "business-like" manner without overplaying the idea of "detente", cherished by present Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, according to Japanese press reports from Washington.

U.S. windmill industry is on the verge of a breakthrough

WARREN, VERMONT (CSM). — Half-a-dozen small windmills spun furiously in the gusty, autumn wind.

They looked puny against the scale of scudding clouds and the rising slope of the White Mountains. Yet, within the next decade, wind machines similar to these may be supplying a significant portion of America's energy needs.

"This industry is in about the same place as aviation was in 1914," said Louis Divone, Acting Chief of Wind Energy Conversion at the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), gazing at the towers and whirling blades.

Aviation pioneers realised that the airplane would bring revolutionary changes, he continued, but it was difficult to see that by looking at the crude constructions of cloth, wood, and wire that they were building and flying.

But only 10 years later, two U.S. Army pilots had flown around the world. And by 1934, sleek, all-metal and efficient airliners swept the older-style planes out of the sky.

Mr. Divone is convinced that the technology for catching the wind and putting it to work has reached a similar threshold, and in the next few years will go through a period of rapid change and growth.

In the ERDA's latest national energy plan, it is estimated that

Referring to relations with Kenya, which Uganda at the time accused of supporting the Israeli rescue, President Amin said relations with Kenya were now strong and Uganda would do everything possible to maintain them.

On the case of the missing British-Israeli hostage, 74-year-old Mrs. Dora Bloch, the inquiry said she had been treated in hospital and then discharged.

"The reasonable place for her to return to was Entebbe, where the rest of the hostages were," it said.

Kenya's daily Nation newspaper has claimed that Mrs. Bloch's half-burned body had been found in a forest near Kampala on July 5, the day after the Israeli raid.

Quebec issue is internal affair to French

PARIS, Nov. 17 (AFP). — In July 1967, Gen. Charles de Gaulle was forced to cut short an official visit to Canada in the diplomatic storm which followed his call in Montreal, "Vive le Quebec libre" (long live free Quebec).

That was nine years ago. Succeding French governments have taken the measure of their means, and the current leaders are concerned above all that yesterday's separatist win in Quebec's legislative elections not be allowed to interfere with burgeoning Franco-Canadian relations.

France never comments on elec-

tion results, but merely congratulates the victor. Following the Quebec vote — which although not totally unexpected in official quarters here, surprised nonetheless by its magnitude — an extremely circumspect attitude is de rigueur.

French officialdom is not the least disposed to recall the late general's outburst, considered prophetic by some, and which remains fresh, of course, in everyone's memory.

For Canada's federal government in Ottawa appears likely to retain responsibility for the whole

the human rights problem in the country, he added.

For the normalisation of Sino-American relations, Mr. Carter will seek Peking's assurance of non-use of force in trying to solve the sovereignty problem with Taiwan, the source predicted.

In principle, the United States may not ask Japan to largely build up its military strength since America is satisfied with the complementary role to be played by the Japanese Self-Defence Forces under the U.S.-Japan defense cooperative system, the source added.

The Japanese were expected to help the U.S. with anti-air and anti-submarine capabilities in the Western Pacific.

more realistic and the cynics have begun to see the potential," said Ned Coffin of EnerTech, a Norwich, Connecticut, distributor. He feels there already is a large market for windpower in remote locations. Penetrating this market will allow manufacturers to pro-

"The enthusiasts have gotten

duce in larger volume and reduce equipment costs, he suggests. Meanwhile, the U.S. federal government is concentrating on giant windmills. A year ago a generator was erected with 60-foot rotors. More recently, General Electric was awarded a contract for an even larger machine.

The primitive wind generators which had prompted Mr. Divone's remarks had been erected for the annual meeting of the American Wind Energy Association, where he outlined the federal wind-energy programme.

In its three-year lifetime, the conference has steadily grown. The first meeting was "a handful of people getting together in a basement in Detroit," recalled Don Mayer, founder of North Wind Power Company here. More than 250 people attended this year's event.

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California fights death of its condor

SAN FRANCISCO, (CSM). — With probably only 16 breeding pairs in existence today, the California condor is considered to be one of the most endangered wild-life species in North America.

To save the condor from extinction, an inter-agency federal Condor Recovery Committee and a state-level California Condor Advisory Committee have been formed. The committees' minimum objective: to maintain a population of at least 50 California condors, with an average birth rate of at least four young per year.

Condors were thought to be "doomed" birds as far back as 1890, and since 1968 the species has produced fewer than three young per year. Protected by both federal and state law, condors now range the mountains of the Golden State from Santa Clara and Fresno counties in the north, to Los Angeles in the South.

Because the birds require a long range for their magnificent soaring flights, two areas in the Los Padres National Forest — the Sisquoc Area in Santa Barbara County, and the Sespe Wildlife Area in Ventura County — have been set aside for condors and closed to public use.

But because the birds often range as far as 150 kms from their nests, management of the condor is more complicated than that required to preserve other endangered species.

"Condors range over thousands of square miles of both public and private lands," says Sanford R. Wilbur, chairman of the federal Condor Recovery Committee. "The species' need for large areas of semi-secluded habitat thus brings it into conflict with many other potential land users."

The recovery team's plan for the condor emphasizes the importance of protecting critical habitat, and stresses protection of the condor's nesting sites from human disturbance because such disturbance discourages condors from nesting in otherwise suitable locations.

Mr. Wilbur suggests that there should be more restriction of land use within 2 kilometres of condors' nesting areas, along with prohibition of commercial activities and relocation of recreational use that might disturb the birds. He also recommends aircraft closures over nesting areas.

The recovery plan also emphasizes: closing condor habitats to firearms; control of insecticides; and eliminating mining within critical habitat to protect the condors' nesting, roosting, bathing, and feeding areas.

Mr. Wilbur notes that the average

pair of condors nests every other year, and that there is only one egg per clutch. With probably 16 breeding condor pairs nesting regularly every second year, there are only eight pairs breeding in an average year.

Because of this, the Condor Recovery Committee now is considering artificial propagation of captive pairs of condors as a means of preserving the species. Until recently, this had been considered a "last resort" operation because captive rearing programmes of other vulturine birds have had only limited success and there is concern that capturing and handling condors might so disturb the birds that they would not breed.

But Dr. Jared Verner, chief wildlife biologist for the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station of the U.S. Forest Service, cautions: "If, within the next three years, there is not sufficient cause for optimism that field measures are finally turning the condor decline around, then captive breeding should be initiated."

Whatever the problems, scientists appear to be working together to resolve them before time runs out for the condor. Says Eldridge G. Hunt, chief of California Fish and Game Wildlife Management Branch: "Apparent conflicts between condor preservation and alternative land uses can be resolved with planning and with an acceptance of responsibilities by local, state, and federal agencies."

As a recent study by the Condor Recovery Committee put it: "We do not have the time to experiment with piecemeal approaches or partial solutions if we want to save the California condor."

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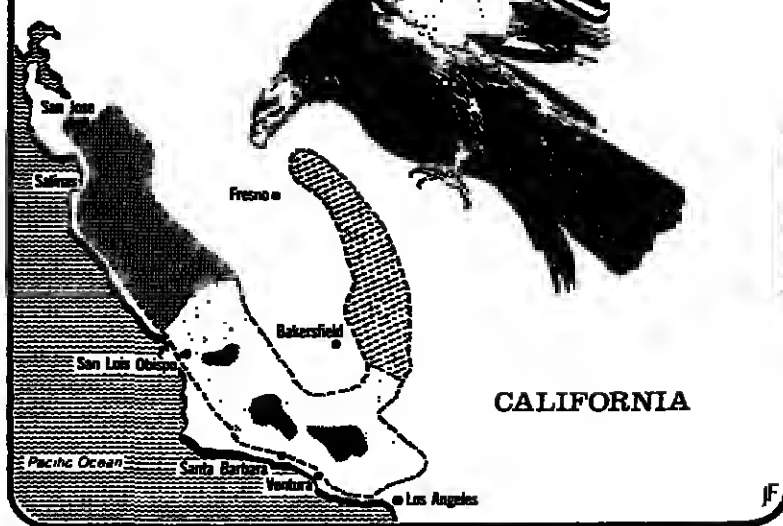
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CALIFORNIA

Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

Your birthday today: During your first half-year strive hard to upgrade personal freedom or self-adequacy in ventures you've entered into. The last half-year is a time of repetitious routine, hopefully at a comfortable plateau of advancement. Relationships are uneven at best. Today's natives show firm determination, capacity to take extreme measures. Those born this year before 2:15 p.m. EST continue the tradition, are keenly intuitive. Those born later lean toward the arts, need lifelong aid to deal with material matters.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Today's phases are separate, definite. Meet competition head-on, quit while you have the edge. At home keep a neutral attitude in family situations. Taurus [April 20-May 20]: Urgency prevails this morning. Calm down quickly to allow for digestion of occurrences. Go after possibilities that pay cash now, bonuses in the future. Gemini [May 21-June 20]: If you need a favor, take whatever you can get. Strive to obtain all available information, but let action lag, especially in critical areas of attention. Cancer [June 21-July 22]: Understanding finally dawns on puzzling problems; how to handle them remains elusive. Accept help this morning. Midday on, do minimum work singlehanded. Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Bright ideas aren't practical in original form, can be reconstructed later from careful notes made now. Complete work, take a break to satisfy curiosity. Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: Get back to basics; what you do next depends on how you pick up the pieces. Nothing quite stays put or goes on as expected. Be alert, willing to move up. Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: When in doubt, "don't" continues to be prudent management once past favorable early hours. You've enough to do without giving in to temptation to gamble. Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: Slow down, grant yourself a chance to consider the probable repercussions of what you're planning. Learn from a belated response to what you've already done. Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: Only a fraction of the story is known. Any rash remarks now upset future prospects. Coordination of individual efforts promises higher returns. Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: Limited activity finished by noon is preferable to risking incomplete results in an afternoon of mixed influences. From midday on, defer legal moves. Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Taking care of obligations in the morning puts you well ahead of average experience. Help advise friends who can't cope, but leave their self-respect intact. Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: Unruffled morning conditions get turned around by local events this afternoon. Improvise to meet excitement, temporary loss of contact with associates.

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Fruitgrowers in the Federal Republic of Germany are marketing for the first time this year a new variety of pear without pips. Unfertilised pear blossom can grow into juicy fruit with neither pips nor a core. They grow to at least the same size as normal pears. Growers call them virgin fruit and there can be no doubt that they sell well, since they make easier eating.

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OPEC ministers will definitely meet in December to set new oil price

VIENNA, Nov. 17 (R). — Oil-exporting nations will definitely hold a price-fixing conference in Qatar next month, but possibly a few days later than originally planned. OPEC officials said today.

Several members of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries were canvassing a slight postponement beyond the scheduled Dec. 15 starting date, but no decision had yet been taken.

"In any case, this would be a purely technical delay, and the meeting will be in December," a senior official said.

Other sources said the possibility of a slight postponement was raised to avoid a clash of dates with the 27-nation Conference on International Economic Cooperation (north-south dialogue), due to start a ministerial session in Paris also on Dec. 15.

OPEC is strongly represented in the nine-month-long Paris conference, where oil producers and consumers are trying to develop a new economic policy intended to be fair to both sides.

OPEC officials said an announcement would be made if oil ministers decided to delay the Qatar conference, but a postponement would have no real significance.

One official said it was "wishful thinking" to imagine OPEC might delay its long-planned price adjustment study until U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter takes office next Jan. 20.

Diplomats believe the outcome of the Paris conference could have a major impact on whether or not OPEC decides on a significant increase of petroleum prices from Jan. 1, and vice-versa.

Some Western officials think OPEC may cut down the price rise if assured of Western concessions on Third World proposals for a link between inflation and raw material prices, and for a rescheduling of Third World debts.

West Germany and Belgium were reported urging a postponement of the Paris conference until Mr. Carter moves into the White House.

OPEC governments are known to be considering price rises between five and 25 per cent on the present average cost of \$11.51 for a 159-litre barrel of oil.

OPEC price decisions must be unanimous, and the organisation is divided between "doves" and "hawks" on the price issue.

In Doha, capital of Qatar, officials today said the OPEC conference will be held on Dec. 15 as planned.

"We have no information about a possible postponement of the OPEC meeting," the officials said.

In Kuwait, the chief government spokesman, Mr. Abdul Aziz Hussein said today preparations were going for the OPEC meeting as originally planned.

"The meeting will be held at the date already set and we have no information about a postponement," he added.

In a related development, the foreign minister of the United Arab Emirates was quoted today as saying the oil-exporting states resented American warnings against a possible price increase.

In a statement last Thursday, the United States strongly opposed the increase in oil prices this is expected to result next month's OPEC ministerial meeting.

The Kuwait daily Al Rai Al Aam quoted the minister, Mr. Ahmad Khalifa Al Suweidi, as saying threats could not settle matters at issue between the oil consumers and the producers.

A reference in the Washington statement to consultations between the United States and other industrialised countries on the oil price issue has been widely interpreted by the oil exporting states as a threat of concerted action against them in the event of a price rise.

Mr. Suweidi said such issues should be dealt with "through consultation and constructive dialogue" and not by threats.

"Worldwide inflation means the oil exporters would be wronged if oil prices remained constant while the prices of other raw materials and industrialised goods continue to rise.

"But we cannot isolate ourselves in a world where economic interests are inter-related. We also look out for the interests of others when we discuss oil prices," he added.

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UNESCO postpones vote on condemning Israel

NAIROBI, Nov. 17 (AFP). — The 19th U.N. Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) congress here today postponed voting for a further 24 hours on a draft resolution condemning Israel for its handling of educational and cultural affairs in occupied Arab territories.

The draft, presented by 19 countries and the subject of a day-long debate Monday, has been the subject of a string of amendments, mostly submitted by Australia, designed to soften its condemnation of Israel.

Ford lifts arms embargo on Sudan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AFP). — President Gerald Ford has lifted the embargo on sales of American arms to Sudan and authorised the sale to Tunisia of Chapparral ground-to-air missiles worth \$58 million, it was learned today.

The decision became official once published in the federal register.

Sources close to the Pentagon said Sudan would acquire basic military equipment such as trucks, rifles and communications equipment.

The decision to lift the embargo follows two years of cool relations between Washington and Khartoum after President Jaafar Nimeiry pardoned eight terrorists who assassinated U.S. Ambassador Cleo Noel.

But the administration now regards arms sales to Sudan as a contribution to U.S. security and world peace.

Arab force delayed

[Continued from page 1] The fighting began this morning and continued this afternoon, the Arab Army added.

Soldiers of the Phalangist forces told reporters at the Israeli border town of Metulla that their units were waging an artillery duel with Palestinian guerrilla positions near the southern Lebanese village of Nabatiya.

Residents in the northern Galilee villages said they could clearly hear the explosions from across the border.

In Haifa, Lt. Gen. Mordechai Gur, the Israeli Chief of Staff, said today that the presence of Syrian troops in Lebanon could be a threat to Israel's security.

Speaking at a students meeting, Gen. Gur said the Lebanese conflict had not ended.

"A new stage has been reached, but the conflict is not yet over," he said. "This new stage is not favourable to us since there are more than two Syrian divisions in Lebanon. Since they dominate roads that lead straight to Israel, they could be a threat and bear watching."

Gen. Gur expressed confidence that the Israeli forces "at their present strength could heat any combination of Arab states and improve our geo-political position."

Soon after the debate resumed this morning, the Beninese delegate asked for a one-hour adjournment to allow for consultations among the Africans.

Further discussion of the text was subsequently put off until tomorrow.

Western European countries, Canada and Australia appeared to have reached agreement on a softened-down text but discussions were continuing today among Arab delegations and those from more militant Third World countries demanding a tough line with Israel on the one hand and more moderate African nations bent on averting confrontation at the conference on the other.

Three more quit at Miss World show

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AFP). — There more contestants in the Miss World competition today pulled out of the show in protest against the participation of South Africa, bringing the walk-outs to seven.

Today's three were girls from Malaysia, Sri Lanka and the Seychelles, who now join contestants from India, Mauritius, Swaziland and Liberia in their action.

The seven countries are protesting against the presence of two South African competitors, one white and the other black.

Another storm cloud blew up today, however, as Miss Rhodesia flew in -- uninvited -- to take part in the competition.

Jane Bird, aged 22, said she had an Irish passport and the Rhodesian government had encouraged her to take part.

She said she was elected Miss Rhodesia in a multi-racial contest in which 15 black girls took part. "I can't see why anyone should object to my taking part in Miss World," she said.



PREPARE FOR THE EVENT -- These three competitors in the Miss World 1976 beauty contest aim to look their best for the big night Thursday when they spent Wednesday morning having their hair dressed at the Britannia hotel. They are from left: Miss Lebanon, Souad Makhouli; Miss Brazil, Adelaide Fraga de Oliveira Felha; and Miss Bermuda, Vivienne Hollis. (AP wirephoto).

As Brezhnev returns home Soviet-Yugoslav talks termed open, successful

BELGRADE, Nov. 17 (AFP). — Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev's 48-hour visit to Yugoslavia was "a success from every point of view" even though both the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia did not budge on the questions that divide them, a Yugoslav official declared here today.

The official was speaking an hour after Mr. Brezhnev flew back to Moscow. He arrived later in the Soviet capital, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

The Soviet leader had a final meeting with Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito before his departure. He later sent President Tito a message stating that he was "very pleased with the results of our discussions", Tass said.

The Yugoslav official stressed that Yugoslavia had made "no concessions" to Mr. Brezhnev. The differences between the two countries remained "fixed" the Yugoslav official added.

He described the conversations between Mr. Brezhnev and Mar. Tito as "very open", underscoring that the talks "left no room for any misunderstanding insofar as the clearly drawn up positions of the two countries are concerned".

The official said there was no question at this time of a treaty of friendship between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union. "Friendship is not built on documents", he explained.

(Tass, however, described Mr. Brezhnev's trip as a "friendship visit". In his message to Mar. Tito, the Soviet leader stated that their talks "enabled the two parties to reaffirm their determination to develop friendly Soviet-Yugoslav relations in the interests of the two people, of socialism and of peace", Tass reported.

(Tass added that Mr. Brezhnev has also thanked the Yugoslav people and communist league for the "cordiality and affection" shown to him during his visit. Mr. Brezhnev was cheered here yesterday after denying firmly that the Soviet Union had any intention of gobbling up a Yugoslav little red

riding hood like the wolf in the nursery tale). The Yugoslav official said his country expected to step up its cooperation with the Soviet Union, now Yugoslavia's leading trading partner. But he added that "there can be no question of any sort of economic concessions".

The official said the essential feature of the talks had been to reaffirm earlier statements on Soviet-Yugoslav relations, which were first troubled when the late Mar. Joseph Stalin "excommunicated" Mar. Tito for "revisionism".

The official said that, as far as he knew, the two leaders did not broach a number of sensitive topics such as Yugoslavia's pro-Soviet "Kominformists" minority groups or the question of Soviet use of Yugoslavia's Adriatic ports.

Nor did the two leaders discuss the U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter (whose statement during the election campaign that the U.S. would not intervene if the Soviet Union invaded Yugoslavia prompted Mr. Brezhnev's reference to little red riding hood except in the hood

any wolf"). The official said that the differences between the two countries were "constant" and that they derived "from respective international peculiarities and the roads to building socialism".

The joint communique, being issued after Mr. Brezhnev's visit reflected "a compromise setting out common views", the Yugoslav official stated. "The differences must be sought for in the communique's silences", he added.

"There was no rapprochement between Soviet and Yugoslav news, the official went on. He underscored Yugoslavia's "non-aligned orientation".

In this context, the official said, "we agreed on the basic formula (drawn up last summer by European Communist Parties which speaks of the role of the non-aligned against imperialism, neo-colonialism and all forms of domination".

Referring to Mr. Brezhnev's pledge, the official asserted that "Yugoslavia is no little red riding hood" and, besides, we don't see context of continued East-West any wolf".

Mubarak starts tour in Riyadh

AMMAN, Nov. 17 (R). — Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak today conferred with King Khaled of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh radio reported.

Mr. Mubarak, accompanied by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi, arrived in the Saudi capital of Riyadh today on a short visit on his way to Muscat to attend celebrations of Oman's National Day.

Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, Second Deputy Premier, and Mr. Fahmi attended the meeting between the Saudi monarch and the Egyptian vice president, the radio said.

Mr. Mubarak later left Riyadh for Muscat, the radio added.

Mr. Mubarak will also visit Iran, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Syria.

Mr. Mubarak's talks are expected to deal with the Middle East situation and bilateral relations.

Ribicoff: Sadat's peace call is sincere

TEHRAN, Nov. 17 (AFP). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is willing to take part in a reconvened Geneva conference on the Middle East without any pre-conditions, visiting U.S. Senator Abraham Ribicoff said here last night.

President Sadat was being sincere when he said that the moment was ripe now to tackle outstanding Middle East problems such as the Israeli horder issue, the occupied Jerusalem question and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), accepting at the same time Israel as an existing, independent state, he said.

Sen. Ribicoff, who is heading a delegation of 11 U.S. senators on a Middle East tour, said issues he discussed with Iranian leaders, included energy, oil, U.S. nuclear power station and arms purchases, and regional problems.

to firms which have suffered from 19 months of civil war.

Dr. Selim Al Hoss, President of the state-controlled National Development Bank for Industry and Tourism, said the country's future economic system should close loopholes which had distorted its performance in the past.

Details of the report, now being studied by the official bodies concerned, were made public in the Beirut press and confirmed by official sources.

Dr. Hoss said the laissez faire policy followed towards the private sector in the 1960s had obstructed the role of the state in developing the economy.

"The laissez faire policy turned into a laissez faire administration which was unable to intervene, so that a group emerged which monopolised the benefits of the system," he said.

The leftwing daily Al Safir, which published the broad outlines of the plan, said its preamble called for the preservation of Lebanon's free economic system, which Dr. Hoss called "personal initiative".

But the report added that knowledge gained by past experience should be used to close loopholes.

The report was an early sign of the business-like approach which Lebanese are expecting from the new president, who has still not been replaced as Central Bank governor.

The Hoss plan suggested that development and reconstruction council be created to give credit to firms and organisations which have suffered as a result of the war.

But applications should be sent through a bank and the council would not deal directly with applicants. The banks, subject to Central Bank control, would be responsible together with the applicants for the validity of information on which loans were based.

Carter to meet Ford Monday

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AFP). — The scheduled meeting between President-elect Jimmy Carter and outgoing President Gerald Ford will take place next Monday, the White House announced today.

The two men will discuss the handing-over of power between the two administrations, a spokesman said.

Mr. Carter is already scheduled to meet outgoing Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in Plains on Saturday.

Mr. Kissinger will suggest at this meeting that he should take

Lebanese banker proposes loans for war-hit firms

BEIRUT, Nov. 17 (R). — A leading Lebanese banker, in recommendations drawn up on the instructions of President Elias Sarkis, proposed long-term loans and compensation



PRICE RISE GESTURE -- Iranian Ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America," Tuesday from Washington, says the price of crude oil will be somewhere between the five per cent favoured by Saudi Arabia and the 40 per cent urged by Nigeria. (AP wirephoto).

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed mixed Wednesday after a very quiet session and at 1500 the F.T. index was down 1.4 at 308.8.

The feature today was the exhaustion of the government broker's supplies of the treasury 14 pct 1982 'tap' stock following active demand. It finished 1/8 higher on balance, as did most other bonds.

Equities ended narrowly mixed but with an easier bias. Unilever closed 4p higher at 410 after 416 in response to better than expected third quarter profits.

Gold shares weakened with the bullion price while Canadians were moderately lower.

Australians firmed and dollar held basically steady.

Fisons came off 4p while falls of 2p to 3p were seen in Bats, Glaxo, ICI, Dunlop, Courtaulds and Beecham. The last named reports interim results tomorrow. Shell and BP were both 6p down in oils.

Woodworth ended 2p higher following increased third quarter earnings.

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